

Letter from Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward to Alexander Graham Bell, March 7, 1908

Newton Centre, Mass, March 7, 1908. Professor Graham Bell, Washington, D. C. My Dear Professor Bell,—

Probably you do not recall me, though I remember quite well meeting you at Mr. James T. Fields's in Boston, on the occasion of your first private exhibition of the telephone.

I am sending these few words to serve as a letter of introduction for my husband, Mr. Herbert D. Ward, who has come upon what the patent people tell him is a brilliant and promising inventive idea. He is full of them, and has missed once or twice of success because of some remote prior claim, now inactive, but which it was impossible to run down.

I shall thank you very much if you would take the trouble to give him an interview, and your invaluable judgment upon his discovery— if discovery it be.

You will pardon my not writing in my own hand; which I should do, had I not lost the use of my eyes.

I am, Sir, very truly yours, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward To Professor Graham Bell